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SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

1. AFTERNOON APRIL 28 HAS BEEN MILITARILY QUIET IN KABUL EXCEPT FOR SOME SMALL ARMS FIRE STILL REPORTED FROM AREA IN DIRECTION OF CENTRAL CORPS HEADQUARTERS. BETWEEN 1012 AND 1426 HOURS, AN IL-28 BEAGLE BOMBER MADE A FEW PASSES OVER THE CITY. ASSUMING IT WAS ON THE SIDE OF THE REBEL FORCES, THIS MEANS THE REBELS ALSO NOW CONTROL SHINDAND AIR FORCE BASE SHOUTH OF HERAT. TROOPS AND  
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ARMORED VEHICLES OCCUPY ALL STRATEGIC POINTS IN KABUL AND PREVENT ACCESS BY CIVILIANS INTO AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE. OTHER PARTS OF CITY APPEAR REMARKABLY NORMAL.

2. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE NO RPT NO REPORTS OF ANY INJURIES TO ANY AMERICAN CITIZENS. AMERICANS FROM THE EMBASSY AND USAID MISSION HAVE BEEN VISITING HOMES OF OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE AMERICANS AND

THEY HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT ALL ARE WELL AND SAFE.

3. WE STILL HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED FORMALLY BY THE COUP LEADERS. WE HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER EMBASSIES, INCLUDING BRITISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, SOUTH KOREAN, AND PAKISTANI, ALL OF WHOM REPORT THAT THEY, TOO, HAVE HAD NO OFFICIAL CONTACTS. WE ARE STILL PREVENTED FROM USING THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CHANCERY COMPOUND WHICH OPENS OUT ON THE SEALED-OFF STREET FRONTING RADIO AFGHANISTAN, WHICH MEANS WE HAVE TO ENTER AND EXIT BY FOOT FROM THE REAR PEDESTRIAN GATE.

4. THE MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL CONTINUES TO ISSUE PAP ON RADIO AFGHANISTAN WITHOUT REVEALING ITS FUTURE PLANS OR THE DISPOSITION OF ANY OF THE LEADERS OF THE DAOUD REGIME EXCEPT DAOUD AND NAIM THEMSELVES. THEY ARE STRESSING THEIR PATRIOTISM AND HAVE BEEN ATTACKING THE DAOUD REGIME FOR TORTURING ITS PRISONERS AND OTHER CRIMES. RADIO AFGHANISTAN ALSO STATES THAT NOT ONLY KABUL, BUT ALL THE PROVINCES AND ALL ARMY DIVISIONS HAVE DECLARED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE NEW REGIME.

5. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT ANY PRESS CORRESPONDENTS QUERY US, THE FOLLOWING IS THE PRESS GUIDANCE WE ARE USING:

INFORMATION IS SCANTY. THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE FIGHTING IN THE CITY SINCE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. IT HAS BEEN LARGELY QUIET HERE SINCE THIS MORNING. IT APPEARS THAT THE COUP HAS BEEN  
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SUCCESSFUL.

ACCORDING TO AFGHAN RADIO, THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE HANDS OF A "NATIONAL MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL," AS IT CALLS ITSELF.

WE BELIEVE THAT ALL AMERICANS IN THE CITY ARE SAFE. (IF ASKED):

WE HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO SPECULATE ABOUT ITS NATURE OR THE EFFECT OF THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT ON U.S.-AFGHAN RELATIONS.

6. WE WILL BE MANNING THE EMBASSY THE NIGHT OF APRIL 28-29 AND WILL SEND ADDITIONAL SITREPS DURING THE NIGHT, IF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION IN THE CITY SATURDAY MORNING, WHICH IS THE FIRST DAY OF OUR REGULAR WORK WEEK, WE WILL OPEN FOR WHATEVER BUSINESS COMES OUR WAY..  
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